


Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	54
Other	34
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	84
Female	4
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	123
Black or African American	9
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>5</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for “cropland pasture” and “other pasture” are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See “Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series” for complete footnotes.



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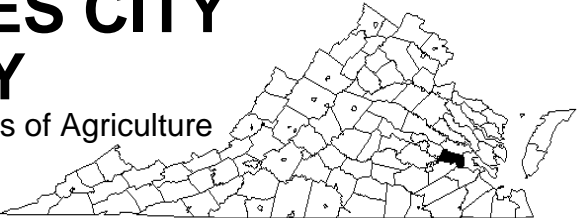
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CHARLES CITY  
COUNTY

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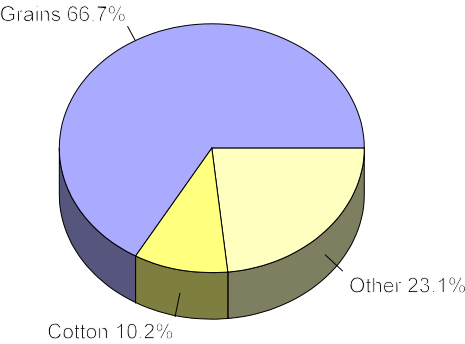
Charles City County lies in the part of the coastal plain known as the Lower Peninsula of Virginia. The county is almost entirely surrounded by water with the James River on the south and west and the Chickahominy River on the north and east. Charles City was one of the eight original shires into which Virginia was divided in 1634, and was named in honor of Charles I. Over the years this county has been the birthplace of two United States presidents: William Henry Harrison and John Tyler.

The topography of Charles City is level to gently rolling, with elevations varying from sea level to 150 feet. Temperatures average 40 degrees in January and 79 in July. The frost-free growing season is approximately 207 days, usually extending from around April 5 to October 29. Annual precipitation averages 43 inches.

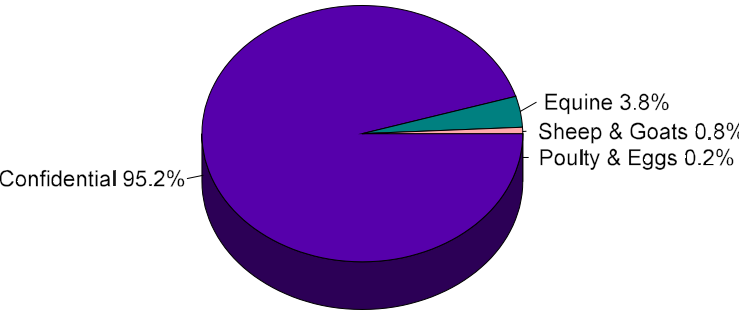
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	88	71
Land in Farms (acres)	28,676	(D)
Average size of farm	326	(D)
Market Value of Production County Total	\$6,278,000	\$7,371,000
Average per farm	\$71,343	\$103,824
Government Payments	\$475,000	\$266,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,289	19	95	1,383	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	500	10	15	419	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	76	84	97	2,840	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3	68	94	2,395	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	63	93	2,260	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	52	68	94	2,323	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	25	25	87	1,429	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	12	87	(D)	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,250	28	79	739	2,599
Cattle and calves	685	88	97	2,958	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	351	62	96	2,153	2,983
Horses and ponies	232	73	97	2,753	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	7,871	21	79	1,096	2,076
All Wheat for grain	5,746	12	87	861	2,517
Corn for grain	5,011	26	96	1,274	2,592
All Cotton	1,598	10	17	447	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,140	85	97	2,864	3,059

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1940	368	51,102	28	11,117	4,996	4,068	NA	NA	NA
1945	432	48,627	43	11,636	4,499	2,537	833	NA	26,195
1950	400	48,166	70	12,787	3,881	2,165	2,318	NA	24,448
1954	301	45,875	88	14,885	1,135	1,884	2,479	NA	23,655
1959	171	43,828	175	12,441	1,126	2,089	1,648	NA	24,420
1964	107	37,773	150	11,259	1,593	1,614	1,366	928	14,081
1969	73	25,199	536	12,235	2,786	1,344	741	2,113	3,406
1974 4/	89	35,681	736	18,705	514	2,141	1,104	1,016	6,487
1978	70	30,105	1,116	15,371	997	(D)	(D)	754	10,571
1982	70	25,104	1,034	15,163	195	197	479	1,453	5,978
1987	47	25,273	1,035	13,280	2,663	297	659	286	7,275
1992	66	28,827	1,496	16,605	565	931	441	348	8,690
1997 2/	71	(D)	1,531	(D)	1,535	899	(D)	(D)	6,819
2002	88	28,676	2,689	16,831	859	656	854	1,605	6,331

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